WOMT Summary - 1/9/07

WOMT discussed implementation of the Delta Smelt Work Group recommendation, whereby the CVP and SWP would reduce their exports to moderate Old and Middle River flows to approximately -3,500 to -5,000 cfs beginning on January 15th and continuing through February 15th. The DSWG recommendation is attached, and the scientific background material for this recommendation is in the following DSWG meeting summaries:

The fishery agencies proposed WOMT that the Projects target a five-day average measured flow of -4,000 cfs on Old and Middle River, and the WOMT agencies agreed to this target for the beginning of the period. The WOMT agreed to continuously assess the water costs associated with this action, including the sharing of costs between the EWA and b(2).

The Projects will initially strive to achieve a five-day average target flow of -4,000 cfs on Old and Middle Rivers. This will be the first time that the Projects have attempted to operate to this particular objective, and the WOMT recognized that the ability to implement this objective in a precise way is somewhat uncertain.